

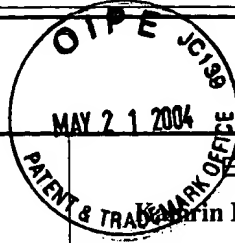
**PETITION FOR EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 CFR 1.136(a)**  
**(Large Entity)**

Docket No.  
216483US6

In Re Application Of: Francine GOULET et al.

Serial No.  
09/990,320

Filing Date  
November 23, 2001



Examiner  
Marin R. LANDREM

Group Art Unit  
3738

Invention: CONNECTIVE TISSUE SUBSTITUTES, METHOD OF PREPARATION AND USES THEREOF

TO THE COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS:

This is a request under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the period for filing a response to the Office Action of December 22, 2003 above-identified application.  
Date

The requested extension is as follows (check time period desired):

☐ One month    ☒ Two months    ☐ Three months    ☐ Four months    ☐ Five months

from: April 22, 2004    until: May 22, 2004  
Date    Date

The fee for the extension of time is \$310 and is to be paid as follows:

- ☒ A check in the amount of the fee is enclosed.  
☒ The Director is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required, or credit any overpayment, to Deposit Account No. 19-2550  
☒ If an additional extension of time is required, please consider this a petition therefor and charge any additional fees which may be required to Deposit Account No. 19-2550

Signature

Dated: May 20, 2004

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